

REMARKS

Claim 20 is amended to replace the phrase "a potential binding polypeptide" with the phrase "an exogenous polypeptide," which finds support in the specification, *e.g.*, on page 7 lines 15-16 ("Exogenous coding sequences are often inserted at or near the N-terminus of gene III or gene VIII....."). Claim 20 is also amended to clarify that the replicable genetic package binds a target molecule via the exogenous polypeptide of the fusion protein displayed on the surface of the replicable genetic package. Support for this amendment is found, *e.g.*, on page 5 lines 1-3 (where a "potential binding polypeptide" is defined as a polypeptide that may possibly bind to the target molecule). Claim 20 is further amended to recite "prior to contact with the target molecule" to clarify that amplification of replicable genetic packages in the cells of the uncleared culture takes place before contact between the replicable genetic packages and a target molecule. Support can be found in, *e.g.*, Example 1 of the specification (pages 17-18). Claims 21-27 are amended to ensure proper antecedent basis. Claims 1-19 are canceled.

Applicants also request entry of the amendments to the specification in adherence with 37 C.F.R. §§1.821 to 1.825. The information contained in the computer readable form of the Sequence Listing for Application No. 09/874,547, filed September 28, 2001, was prepared through the use of the software program "FastSEQ" and is identical to that of the paper copy, a copy of which is enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner. This amendment contains no new matter.

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